

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 2, 2004 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 46, 47, 52, 53, 55, 56, and 57 were pending in the application. Claims 46, 47, 52, 53 and 55, although previously allowed, stand rejected in the present Office Action. Claims 56 and 57 also stand rejected. Claim 46 is amended and claim 52 is cancelled herein.

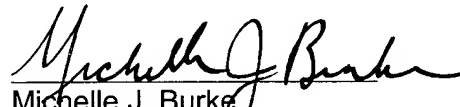
Specifically, claims 46, 47, 52, 53, 55, 56, and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Bock et al. (US 4,831,092).

Bock discloses a polymer for use in the clean up of waste water, especially waste water containing organic contaminants such as oil. Bock relates to a polymer comprising a non-ionic monomer, a cationic monomer and (meth)acrylamide. The non-ionic monomer disclosed by Bock does not disclose or teach two alkyl groups being any of iso-propyl or n-propyl.

Further, there is no teaching suggestion or disclosure in Bock that would indicate to one skilled in the art to use a non-ionic monomer having an iso-propyl or n-propyl alkyl group

Thus, for the reasoning set forth above, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner find the present application in condition for immediate allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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